

Human Spider Web Activity

Tell the students that they will be making a human spider web using a ball of yarn. Each person will be part of the web. During the activity, they will be asked to share something that they learned or will remember from the unit.

Organize the students into a circle sitting on the floor. Hold a large ball of yarn. Start by telling the students something you will remember from the unit, then roll the ball of yarn to a student without letting go of the end of the yarn. The student who gets the ball of yarn tells something he or she learned or will remember, then the student rolls the yarn to somebody else, holding on to the strand of yarn. Soon students have created a giant web. Allow them to repeat something already mentioned if they can't think of anything new.

After everyone has spoken, the teacher and all the students stand up, continuing to hold the yarn. Start a discussion of how this activity relates to the idea of being part of a community -- for example, how the students need to work together and not let others down. To drive home the point of how several members of a community may be affected by the behaviour of one, have one student drop his or her strand of yarn; this will demonstrate to students that whatever we do to ourselves, we do to the web (the community).